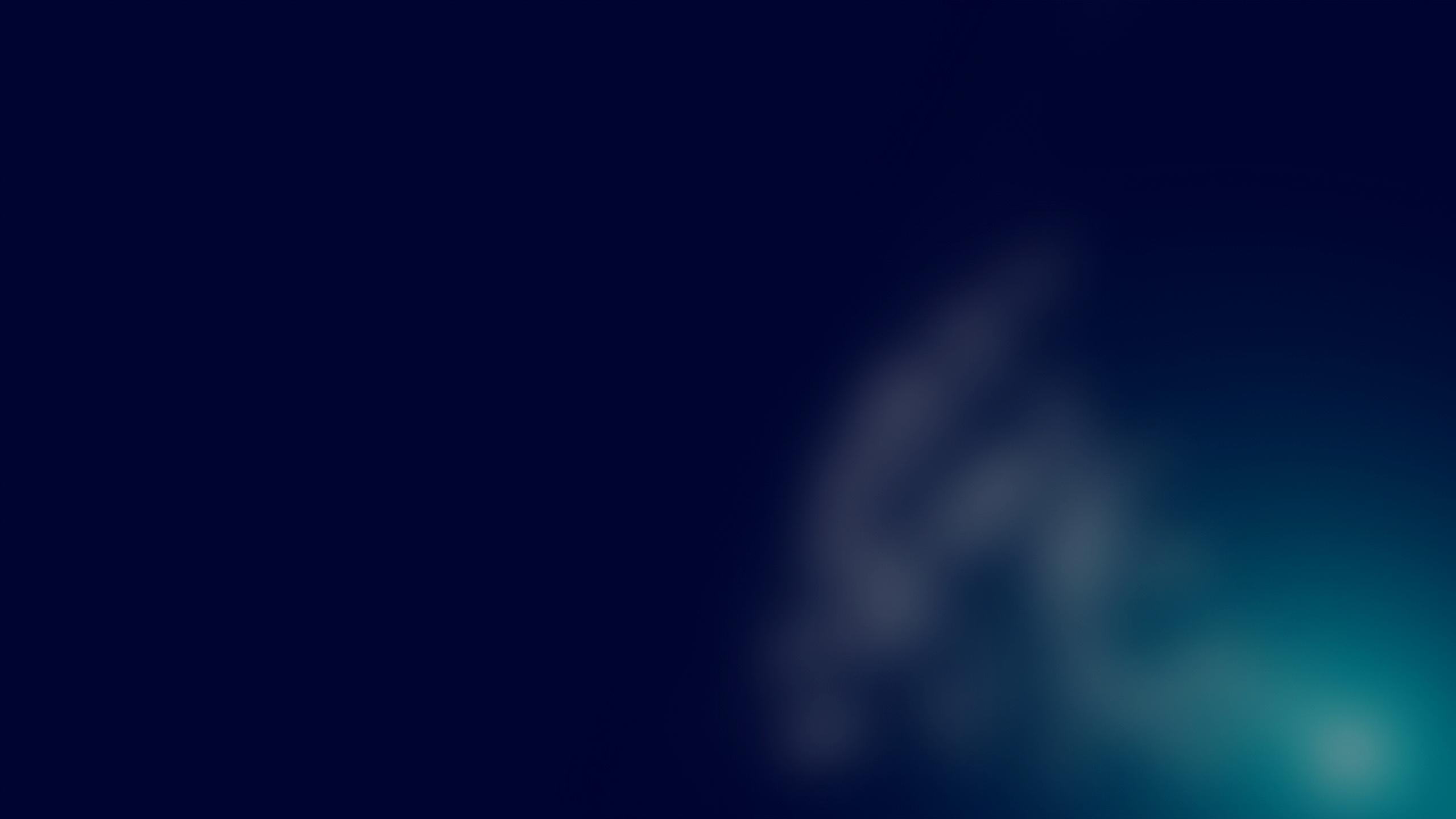


Christmas means CHURCH (CHRIST MASS)

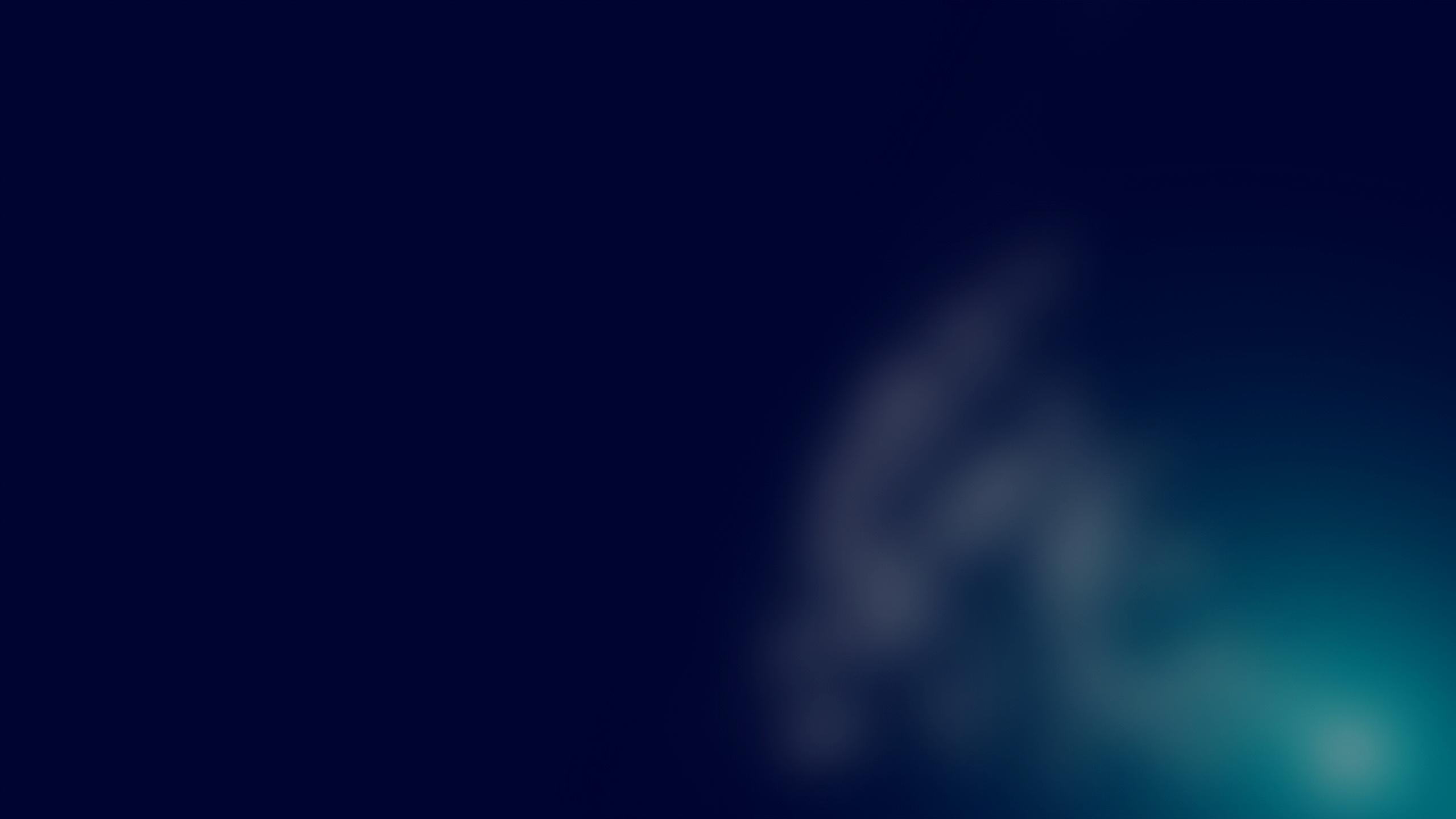


"I didn't connect with the PEOPLE there."

"I didn't connect with the EXPERIENCE."

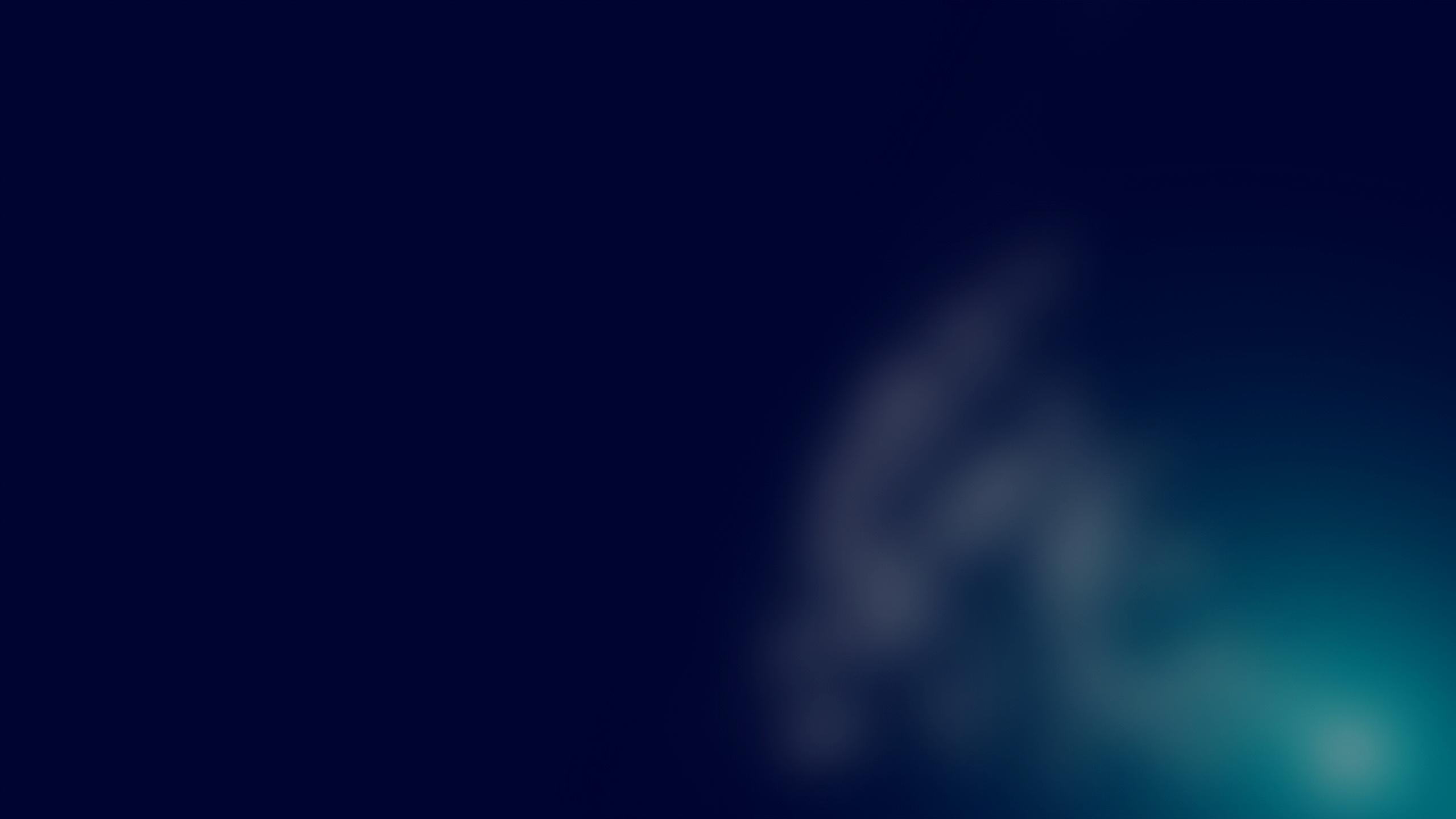
"Everyone there seemed FAKE."

"When I'm there, I feel FAKE."

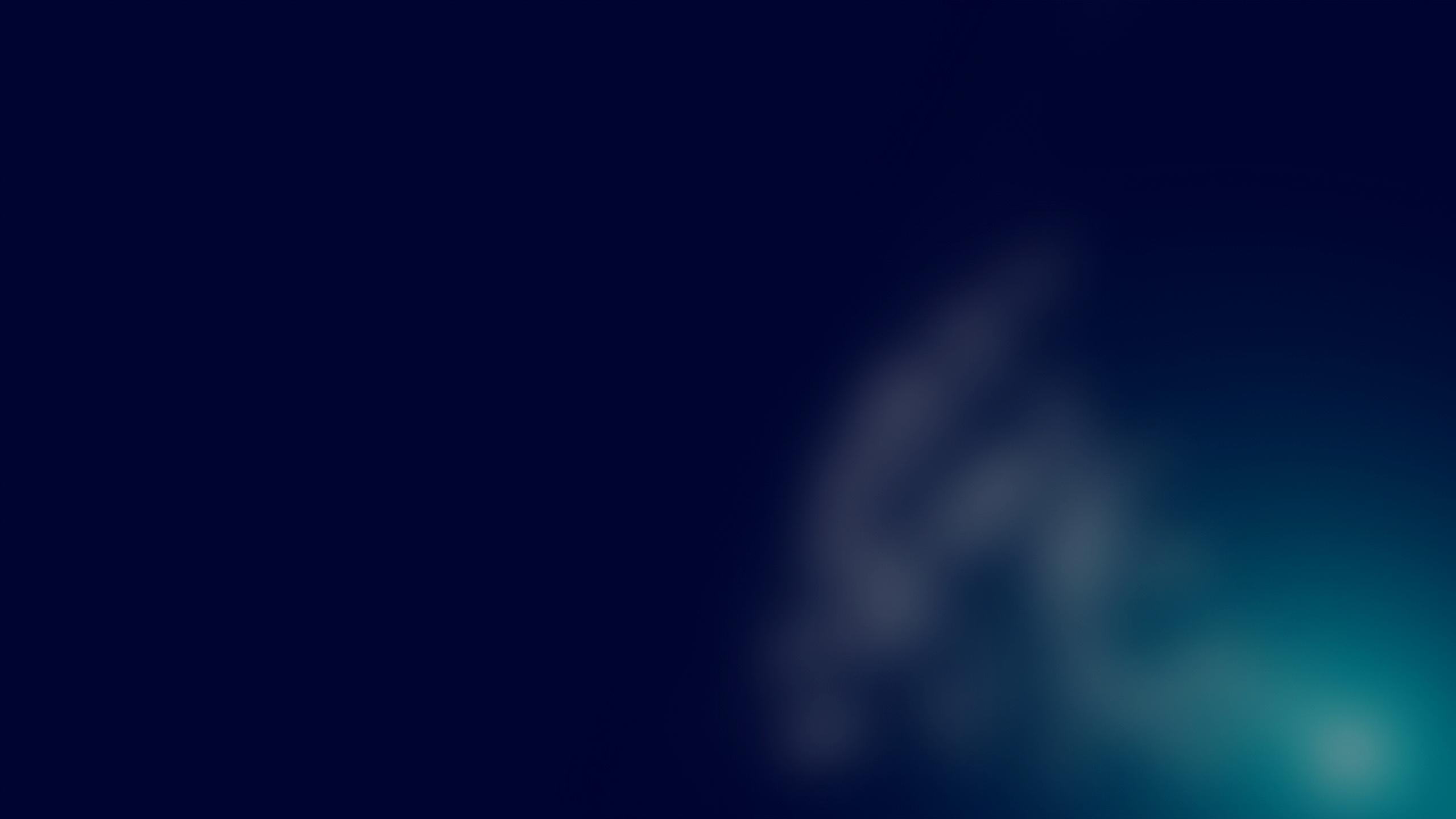


The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Leviticus 19:1-2NIV

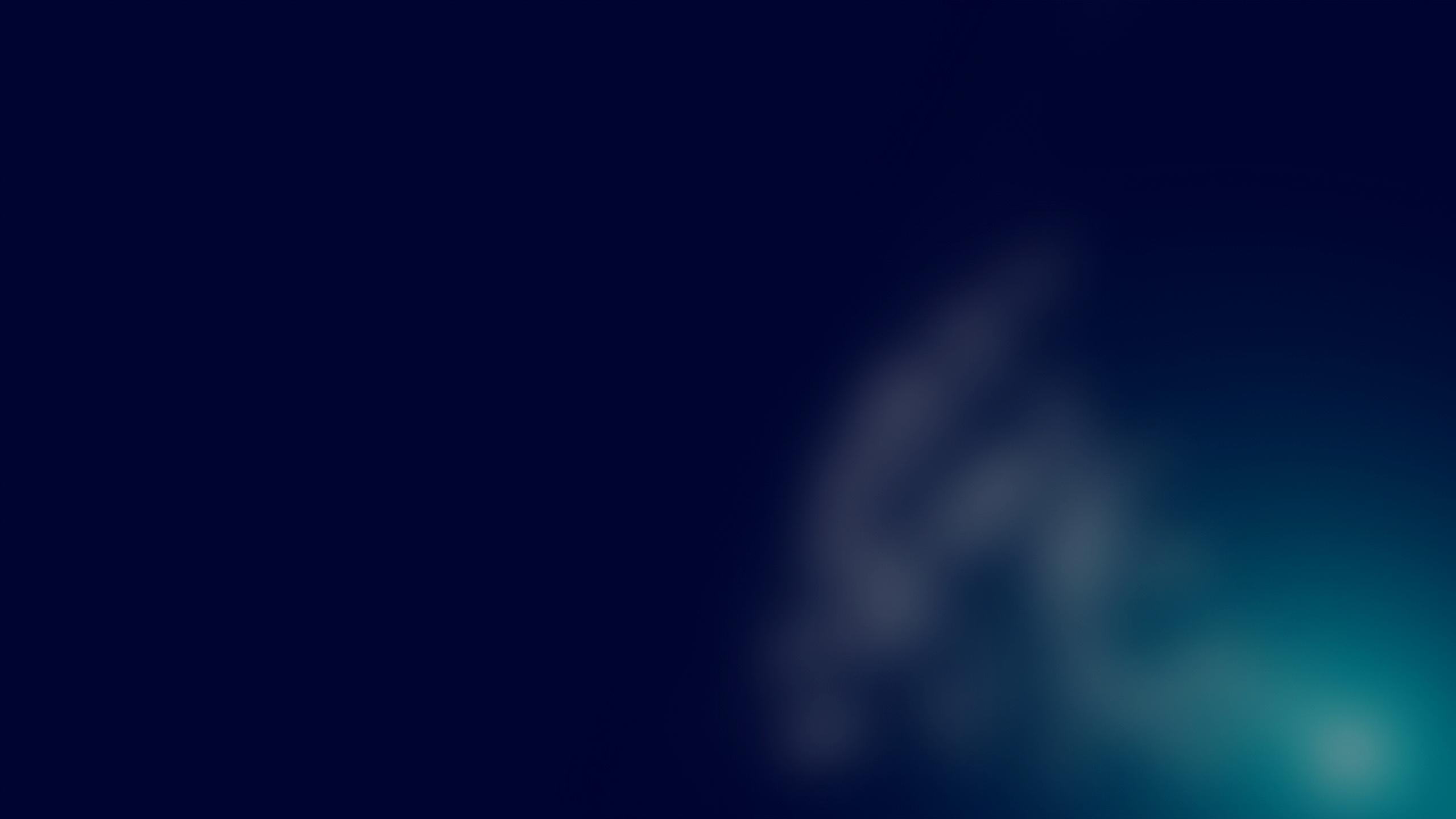


The Christmas Irony Luke 2:8-20 (p. 716)

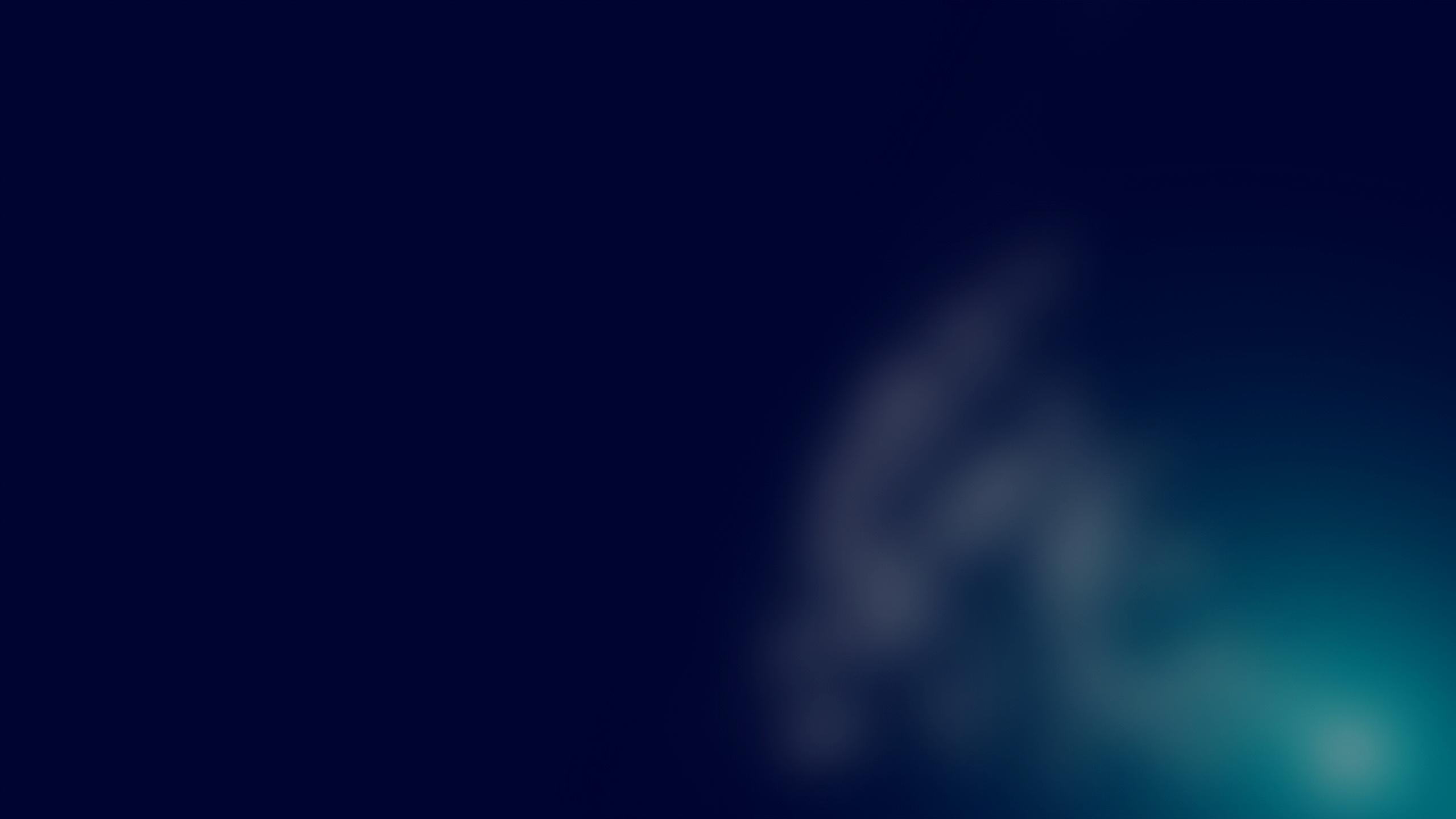


They were not allowed in the TEMPLE, but they were welcomed to the MANGER.

The Jesus Irony Luke 8:42-48 (p. 723)

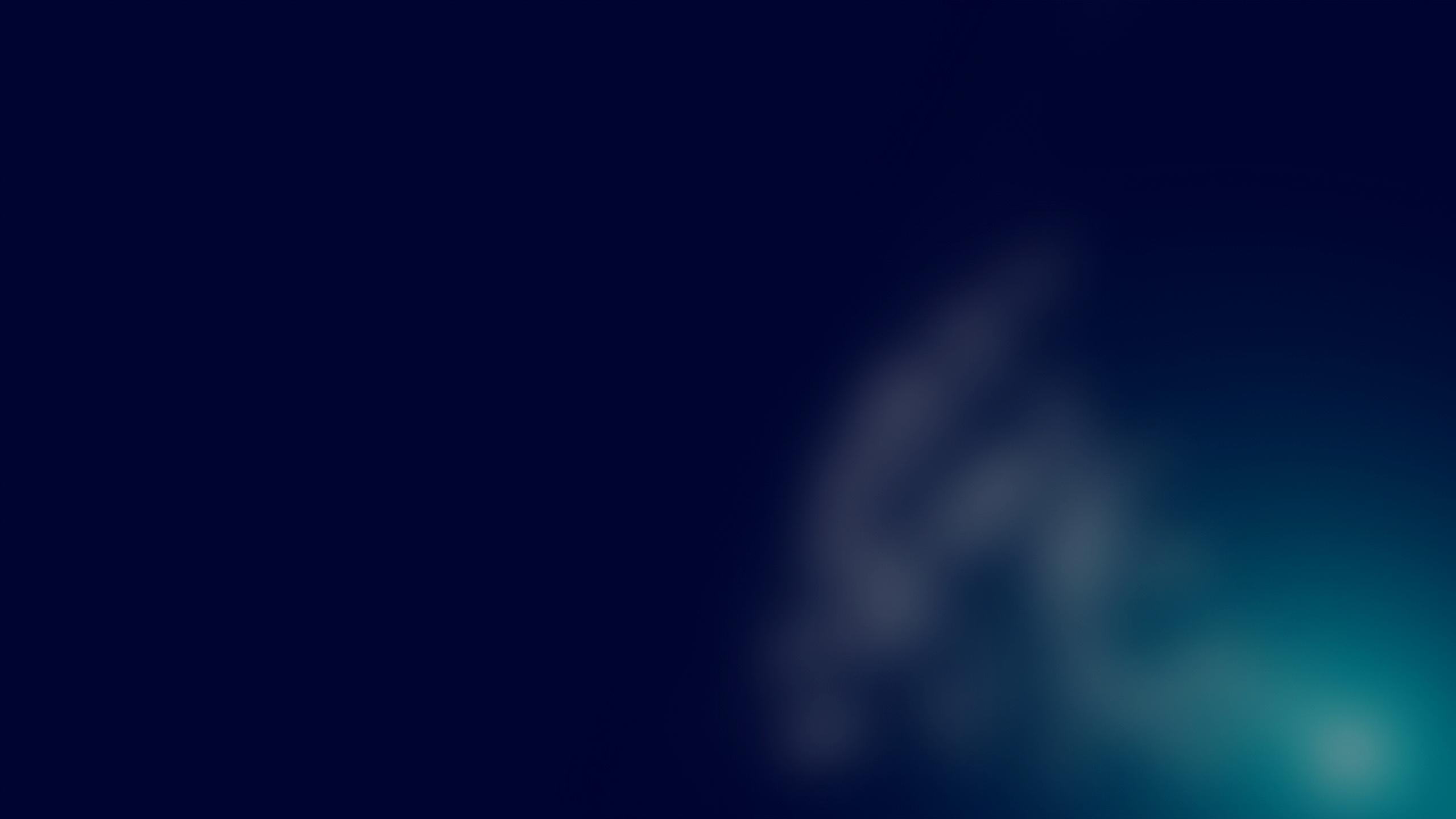


She was not allowed in the TEMPLE, but she TOUCHED the SAVIOR.



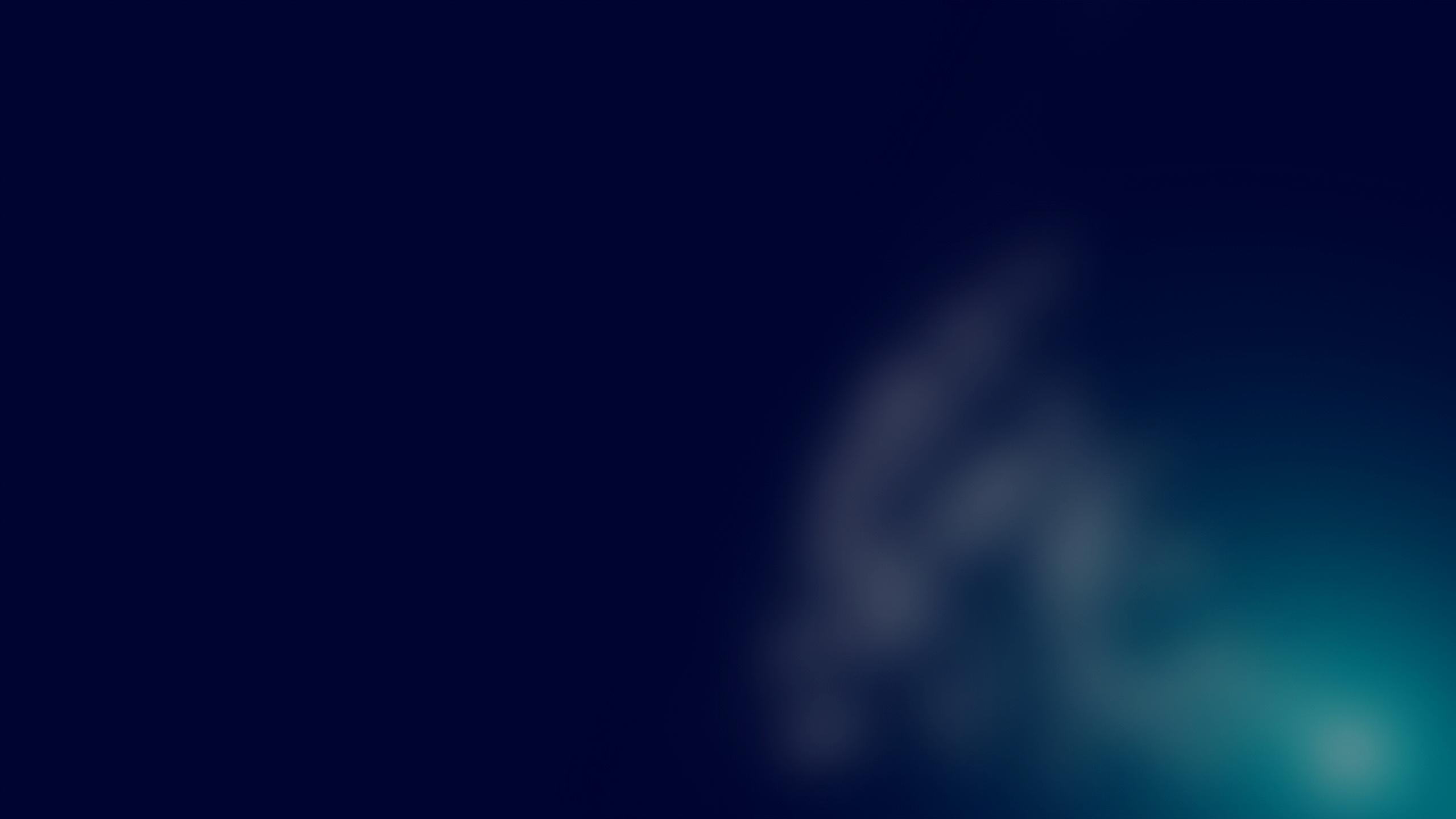
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 NIV



This church cannot be a temple. It must be a MANGER.

If you aren't home in a TEMPLE, find a HOME with us!



For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

"I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite...

I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of methe very people I have created. ...

I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel's mourners, creating praise on their lips.

"Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."

Isaiah 57:15-19 NIV

